

2016-2017 Season Table

Hunting Season		September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes
Grouse			September 17 - January 1					¹ Special permit required.
Sage Grouse		CLOSED						
Partridge			September 19 - January 1					
Pheasant				October 15 - January 1				
Youth only			←	October 1-5				
Residents only			←	October 8-10				
Quail				October 15 - January 1				
Cottontail Rabbit		September 1 - February 28						³ Only antlerless deer tags are valid January 1-15.
Tree Squirrel		September 1 - February 28						
Crow		September 1 - October 31		The crow hunting season is also open March 1 - April 30				
Common Snipe		September 1 - October 31						
Mourning Dove		September 1 - November 9						⁴ Units in Gregory and Mellette counties have special season dates.
Ducks	Youth only		←	September 17-18				
	Low Plains North		September 24 - December 6					
	Low Plains Middle		September 24 - December 6					
	Low Plains South			October 8 - December 20				
	High Plains			October 8 - January 12				
Canada Geese	Unit 1		September 3 - December 18					
	Unit 2			October 31 - February 12				
	Bennett Co. ¹			October 15 - December 18			← January 14-22	
Light Geese			September 24 - December 18					⁵ Only antlerless deer tags are valid Dec. 31 - Jan. 8.
White-fronted Geese			September 24 - December 18					
Sandhill Crane			September 24 - November 20					
Tundra Swan			October 1 - December 18					
Fall Turkey				November 1 - January 31				
Mountain Lion						Dec 26 - March 31 ²		
Antelope - Archery		Aug 20 - Sep 30		← Oct 17-31				
Antelope - Rifle			←	October 1-16				
Deer	Archery		September 24 - December 31			← Jan 1-15 ³		
	Muzzleloader				December 1-31	← Jan 1-15 ³		
	Mentored & Youth		September 10 - January 15					
	Black Hills			Nov 1-30				
	West River ⁴				← Nov 12-27			
	East River		Nov 19 - Dec 4 →			← Dec 31 - Jan 8 ⁵		
Elk - Black Hills		Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 ⁶					⁶ Visit http://gfp.sd.gov to view elk application for unit-specific antlerless elk season dates.